

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Examiner's Office Action dated October 6, 2006, which rejected all claims pending at that time. Specifically, claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,633,914 issued to Bayeh et al. (Bayeh). Claims 21, 22, 31, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Bayeh. Claims 23, 24, 29-30, and 34-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Bayeh in view of Applicants admitted prior art. In light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of all pending claims.

Applicants have amended independent claims 21 and 28. To illustrate, independent claim 21 recites:

first and second client computers comprising
first and second operating systems, respectively,
and first and second client user interfaces,
respectively, wherein the first operating system is a
Unix based operating system, and wherein the
second operating system is a non-Unix based
operating system.

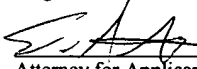
Applicants submit that the foregoing limitations are not taught or fairly suggested in the section of Bayeh cited in the Office Action. As such, Applicants assert independent claim 21 is patentably distinguishable.

Independent claim 28 has been amended to include limitations similar to the limitations described above. For the same reasons that independent claim 21 is patentably distinguishable as set forth above, independent claim 28 is likewise patentably distinguishable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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